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2. Discussed with Dr. Kent what I felt were certain inadequacies in the O/NE commentary on [redacted] dealing with Russian intentions over the next decade. I raised no issue as to the correctness of the O/NE paper, but felt that it did not adequately analyze the real difficulties

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[redacted] At the conclusion of this talk, I requested Dr. Kent to give me a list of what he felt were O/NE papers relevant to our discussion.

3. Received an inquiry from Miss Hudson respecting her nephew, Lt. Lawrence Hudson, A02092806, 371st Bomber Squadron, 307th Bomber Wing, APO 239-1, San Francisco. Lt. Hudson was on a bomber shot down over the sea of Japan. Two crew members had been identified as dead, and there was a recent unconfirmed report that five were reported as prisoners. I called General Ackerman and, in his absence, spoke to Colonel Rogers of his office, who took the information and promised to give me a report.

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4. On seeing the SITSUM for the week, I discussed ground OB in Korea with [redacted] and later phoned General Partridge and requested that he look into the method by which such OB was determined. I felt that there had been some rather large fluctuations during recent weeks and I wanted mere assurance from Partridge that he was satisfied with the methodology being employed. General Partridge undertook to look into this and to phone me. I later (on Monday) received a phone call from General Partridge, who stated that he had looked into this matter and was satisfied with the report. There had been a change in reporting, since they had determined not to take account of weekly fluctuations due to casualties at a normal combat rate, since it was felt that the Communists had adequate personnel re-supply so as to enable them to keep these casualties replaced on a relatively current basis.

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5. [redacted] office visited me and stated that Ambassador Wiley had again suggested a conference of South and Central American Ambassadors. A question had been raised as to CIA participation. I expressed the view that [redacted] office should be represented, but explained our view that any CIA representative should not be authorized to

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express to any such conference intelligence views on behalf of CIA. I explained that we regarded such regional conferences of some value to Washington, but did not regard them as appropriate spheres for disseminating national intelligence.

25X1A9a [ ] appeared fully satisfied with this explanation of our position. I did feel, however, that if this conference were set up later than the roundup National Estimate on South America, it might well be appropriate to have the CIA representatives secure the comments of the Ambassadors on the Estimate. The date of the conference was not fixed. It was arranged that if such date preceded the publication date of this National Estimate, [ ] would 25X1A9a briefed by O/NE, so as to obtain any information that might be of value to the estimators. If the date were fixed so as to come later than said publication date, [ ] 25X1A9a would again consult with me to determine the question of securing comments. I would want to clear this with Park Armstrong.

25X1A9a During my talk with [ ] I briefed him on our desire to have closer cooperation between the Operational and Intelligence Offices and also as to the undesirability of having intelligence reports go directly from Operational Offices to DCI without notice to me or any of the Intelligence Offices. Mr. 25X1A9a [ ] undertook to speak to [ ] on this. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 6. Met with [ ], the new PRO, and briefly discussed general problems of public relations.

25X1A9a 7. Received another interim report from [ ] on the situation as to [ ] and the State Department, which was still undetermined. 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 8. Discussed with [ ] office a sensitive operation on which I am dealing with [ ]. She undertook to inform Mr. Sheldon. Also received a report from her on a list of names which I had given Mr. Sheldon.

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10. Met with Mr. Hoover and General Samford, at which time we made final revisions in the summary evaluation paper, save for ICIS comments which had not been received. We also reviewed briefly the letter of transmittal for which General Samford gave me his suggestions.

25X1A9a 11. [ ] phoned and requested an appointment to discuss the value and subsequent form of NSC 135. I requested an opportunity to study 135 and indicated that I would phone him as soon as I had done so. 25X1A9a

12. Discussed briefly with [ ] the Iranian situation and he concurred in the desirability of a crash estimate.

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